

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment file on 3/10/06.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1, 3, 5-6, 8 and 10-13, now as 1-9.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☒ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☒ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date 20060609.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 4/12/2001
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears bellow. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as proved by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.
2. Formal Drawings are required to be submitted.
3. Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Jeffrey S. Whittle (Reg. No. 36,382) on June 6, 2006.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 11 and 12 as following:

Claim 11. (Currently amended) A graphical user interface for updating a compact disc card having thereon original content digital information and for enhancing update capabilities to a user of the compact disc card, the graphical user interface comprising:

directing means for directing a user through a plurality of blocks for updating stored digital information in memory of at least one remote computer so that the update appears to the user to be on a compact disc card, the directing means including software loading means displayed to the user for loading card updating software into the memory of the at least one remote computer responsive to the user, wherein the

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software loading means loads new updating digital information containing only differences defining actual changes in digital information between the new updated digital information and the original content digital information; and

update initiating means associated with the card updating software for initiating the updating of the new updated digital information received from remote compact disc card updating software, the update initiating means being responsive to receive the actual changes, the actual changes being initiated responsive to a determination of content of the compact disc card, comparing original content digital information on the compact disc card with updated information to look for actual changes to the original content digital information, collating the actual changes, compressing data associated with the actual changes, and creating an amendment file containing only differences between the original content digital information and the updated information as reflected by the actual changes so that the amendment file containing the actual changes are loaded responsive to the software loading means.

Claim 12. (Currently amended) A method of updating a compact disc card, the method comprising:

providing first compact disc card updating software associated with a computer defining a server for storing compact disc card new update information;

initiating a determination of content of a remote compact disc card;

comparing original content digital information on the compact disc card with updated information for actual changes to the original content digital information;

collating the actual changes;

compressing data associated with the actual changes;

creating an amendment file containing differences between the original content digital information and the updated information as reflected by the actual changes;

positioning a compact disc card capable of containing original content digital information thereon in a compact disc drive of at least one remote computer;

providing second card updating software stored on the compact disc card and in communication with the first compact disc card updating software through a communication link;

updating the original content digital information stored on the compact disc card by storing the amendment file containing the new update information in the memory of the at least one remote computer, wherein the new update information consists of only differences in digital information between the new update data information and the original content digital information; and

producing a graphical user interface on a display of the at least one remote computer to enhance update capabilities to a user of the compact disc card.

Reasons for allowance

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Applicant's claimed invention distinguished over the prior art for the following reasons. The claims are allowable over the prior art of record because none of the references, either alone or in combination, discloses or renders obvious the

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method for updating a compact disc card comprising the steps of comparing original content digital information on the compact disc card with updated information to look for actual changes to the original content digital information, collating the actual changes, compressing data associated with the actual changes, and creating an amendment file containing only differences between the original content digital information and the updated information as reflected by the actual changes so that the amendment file containing the actual changes are loaded responsive to the software loading means.

Conclusion

5. Any comments considering necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jinsong Hu whose telephone number is (571) 272-3965. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John A. Follansbee can be reached on (571) 272-3964. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300.

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